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SUBJECT: ECE-SECOND INFORMAL MEETING OF TRADE EXPERTS,

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY USSR FOR SUBJECT MEETING

FOLLOW:

"IN THE OPINION OF THE SOVIET PARTY, THE SECOND INFORMAL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON TRADE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEM OF PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS WRITTEN DOWN IN THE FINAL ACT IN THE SECTION ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION. IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE COMMON PROBLEM OF THE REMOVAL OF ALL OBSTACLES USED BY WESTERN COUNTRIES IN THEIR TRADE WITH THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WE CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS AT THE MEETING THE FOLLOWING CONCRETE PROBLEMS:

(1). IMPROVEMENT OF VISAS SYSTEM FOR SOVIET CITIZENS, BECAUSE IN THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON THE QUANTITATIVE QUOTA OF MEMBERS OF THE TORGPREDSTV, THERE ARE REFUSALS AND DELAYS IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO SOVIET CITIZENS, WORKING IN MIXED FIRMS, LIMITED ENTRY TIME AND DURATION OF STAY.

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(2). IMPROVEMENT OF METHOD OF IMPORT OF SOVIET GOODS,

IN CONNECTION WITH LICENCING AND CONTINGENCE; REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATORY SYSTEMS OF LICENCING AND QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM THE USSR STILL EXISTING IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

(3). REMOVAL OF LISTS OF "STRATEGIC GOODS" FORBIDDEN FOR EXPORT TO THE USSR.

(4). IMPROVEMENT OF CUSTOMS SYSTEMS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT MUTUAL LOWERING OF CUSTOMS DUTIES IN TRADE BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF THE EEC, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, NORWAY, ICELAND, GREECE AND CYPRUS CREATES UNFAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITION OF SOVIET INDUSTRIAL GOODS.

(5). CONSCIENTIOUS FULFILLMENT OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL OBLIGATIONS ON EXISTING AGREEMENTS." ABRAMS

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